

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

Furthermore, senior citizens would be hurt by this when costs are rising but their income is either staying the same or going in the reverse direction. Also companies are not giving any raises to their employees. So what happens as the cost of living goes up and up and the earnings don't? They either go further in debt or start cutting out essentials. Picture yourself in their shoes. Maybe you shouldn't get that raise you expect every year. This country complained about all the taxes placed on them by England. Maybe another revolution is in order instead of looking for easy ways to line your pockets with our money.

Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

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